You Are Not A Nobody

"Up: Encouraging Words In Discouraging Times", Part 1 of 3
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I) DAVID: A CASE STUDY IN CONFIDENCE

II) WHO YOU *ARE* (NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE)

1) You've been __CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD__.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them…God saw all that he had made, and it was very good."

(Genesis 1:27, 31, NIV)

2) You're an __ORIGINAL, CREATIVE MASTERPIECE__.

"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous – how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb."

(Psalm 139:13-15, NLT)

3) You're someone __WORTH DYING FOR__.

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor."

(Psalm 8:3-5, NIV)

"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

(Romans 5:6-8, NIV)

III) WHO YOU *COULD BE* (NO MATTER WHERE YOU'RE AT)

1) Free from the __ONGOING SLAVERY & CONSEQUENCES__ of sin.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been freed from sin."

(Romans 6:6-7, NIV)

2) Free from the __PRESSURES OF OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINIONS__.

"How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand…"

(Psalm 139:17-18, NIV)

3) Free from __TRYING TO BE SOMEONE YOU'RE NOT__.

"Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. 'I cannot go in these,' he said to Saul, 'because I am not used to them.' So he took them off."

(1 Samuel 17:38-39, NIV)

4) Free from __PLAYING THE COMPARISON GAME__.

"…Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment…"

(Romans 12:3, NIV)